

AGENDA



Thursday, February 10, 2011

**Parks and Recreation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 16**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$47,395 in grant funds from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20100913-002 to appropriate \$47,395 to purchase outdoor equipment for outdoor programs offered to under-served youth through the Parks and Recreation Department's Recreation Centers.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The grant period is December 13, 2010 thru June 30, 2012. A City in-kind of \$56,545 is required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Brian Block, Development Administrator, 974-6777; April Thedford, Program Coordinator, 974-6716

The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) desires to increase outdoor programming for under-served youth. PARD received approval to apply for grant funding from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department under the Community Outdoor Outreach Grant program and was awarded the grant.

The purpose of this request is to allow the department to implement a new outdoor program for under-served youth. The goals and objectives of the outdoor programming include: promoting outdoor awareness among Austin youth; increasing opportunities for outdoor experience to underserved populations; and combating obesity and diabetes in young people through active outdoor activities.

Sustainability Impact/Transition Plan – The grant funds provide for the purchase of outdoor equipment that is needed to operate the outdoor program for youth. All of the staffing for the program is provided by existing PARD staff. Therefore, once the outdoor equipment is purchased, the program can continue indefinitely without impact to the budget. Since the program can continue without an impact to the budget (even if future grant funds are reduced or eliminated), no transition plan is needed.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.